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10:45 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you and all present to sign the pew pads located at the end of each pew. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary or at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary. Please note, all doors to the building will be open until 11:00 AM. After that time, please use the handicap door in the narthex.

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. Nursery care (infant through 2nd grade) is also provided, should you desire it. ***Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Fanfare and Processional on "Sine Nomine" (For All the Saints)*

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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

L: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodes,

P: we come to be your people, O God.

L: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our prayers and whispering our prayers,

P: we come to be your people, O God.

L: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

P: we come to be your people, O God.

L: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

P: we come to be your people, O God.

L: May we truly become your people today.

P: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

NCH #299, vs. 1-3

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For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world
their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ,
the hope that put their fears to flight; mid gloom and doubt, you
were their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
glorious crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly
struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
faithful lives entwine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the
ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave
again, and faith grows strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers and ancestors, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly. We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness. Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only. This we pray in your name and for your sake. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PRAISE RESPONSE**(see insert) *“Grace Alone”*

FWS# 2162

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ALL SING: Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by God’s grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by God’s grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown God will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.

All: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you also.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-15

One: God is still speaking!

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“I Thank My God For You”

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JOYS & CONCERNS

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bonnie Barlup, Bonnie Baumgardner, & Rev. Jim Williams

ALL SING: Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

TIME OF DISCIPLESHIP & GENEROSITY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Song of Remembrance” (For All Saints)*

Music by Bill Cain
The Organist's Companion
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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (see insert)

For One Great Peace

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**ALL SING: This check I write, this march I join, this faith I state, this truth I sign,
this is small part, in one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION³

Come to the table as all saints come, as God's people always do—with love, hope, and faith. Come to the table with certainty and with doubt. Come to the table, on this All Saints Day, with your mourning—old, new, or delayed. Come with your celebration of memories and your imagination of possibilities for times yet to come, because you are welcome here- just as you are.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins/sin against)

All: Our Father, (Creator, Mother, Friend), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength for the days to come. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Forward through the Ages”

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**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold in service, one the sure reward.**

Refrain

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

**Wide grows God’s dominion, reign of love and peace;
for it we must labor, till all strivings cease. Prophets have proclaimed it,
teachers testified, poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died**

Refrain

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.**

Refrain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Song for All Saints”

Music by Mary McDonald

Go Out With Joy

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References

¹ The Call to Worship was found at https://www.seasononline.ca/files/all-saints-day_cong-life_yr-a.pdf and accessed on October 18, 2023.

¹ The Prayer of Confession was adapted from two prayers. One written by Moira Laidlaw and published at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/prayer-of-confession-all-saints.html> and the other was written by Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico and posted at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>. Both were accessed on October 18, 2023.

¹ The invitation to communion was written by Rev. Maren Tirabassi and posted on her website, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2020/10/23/holy-communion-liturgy-for-all-saints-day-november-1-2020/> and accessed on October 24, 2023.

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OUR MISSION

Because of our love of God, who first loved us, we empower disciples to let their lights shine through love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.

OUR VISION

As Jesus modeled first for us, we are working to create a just world where all are welcomed, all are loved, and all are included.

OUR PURPOSE

Celebrating the Christ in all of us by joyfully serving our community.

